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STUDY TEAM FROM CHINA VISITS NAL

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Professor Lin Shan, Director of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Beijing, China wrote to the National Agricultural Library (NAL) on February 28, 1983, proposing a visit by a five-member study team from the National Center of Agricultural Library and Information of China. The purpose of the visit was to study U.S. library experience.

With the cooperation of many librarians and libraries, information specialists and information centers, the staff of the National Agricultural Library planned a visit which began in San Francisco on September 4 and ended in New York on November 10.

Members of the study team included Wang Xianfu, Deputy Director, Institute of Information of Agricultural Science and Technology, CAAS; Xu Shishu and Hou Liande, Associate Researchers with the Institute; Xing Zhiyi, Director of Periodical and Circulation Division, Library, CAAS, and Shao Huaying, also a librarian, CAAS.

T. Bruce Yerke, Librarian, U.S. Pacific Southwest Forest & Range Experiment Station, met with the study team at San Francisco International Airport and smoothed many of the initial problems. While in California the team visited the Shields Library of the University of California, Davis, the Natural Resources Library, University of California, Berkeley, DIALOG Information Retrieval Systems and Research Libraries Information Network in Palo Alto, and the Pacific Southwest Forest & Range Experiment Station Library in Berkeley.

From Berkeley the study team flew to Fort Collins, Colorado, where LeMoyné Anderson, Director of Libraries, Colorado State University had arranged a tremendous program of work and social activities. In addition to the university libraries, the Chinese visited the Fort Collins Computer Center, the Laboratory for Information Science in Agriculture, and the Rocky Mountain Forest & Range Experiment Station and Library.

Before reaching Washington, D.C., the study team visited the Steenbock Library, University of Wisconsin, the USDA Forest Products Laboratory and Library, and the North Central Computer Institute in Madison, Wisconsin, the Michigan State University Libraries at East Lansing and the University of Michigan Libraries at Ann Arbor, the Matthew A. Baxter School of Information and Library Science, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, Chemical Abstracts Service, Columbus, Ohio, and the Online Computer Library Center, Inc., Dublin, Ohio.

Mr. Wang and his team spent 3 1/2 weeks exploring the organization, services, and resources of the National Agricultural Library. Despite a limited command of the English language and heavy dependence upon translation, they were thorough!

While in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area, opportunities were arranged for our guests to visit the National Technical Information Service, the U.S. National Arboretum and Library, the Plant Protection & Quarantine Library of the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, the National Library of Medicine, the World Bank Library, and the Library of Congress.

Leaving Washington, D.C., the study team flew to Philadelphia for visits to BIOSIS (BioSciences Information Services) and the Institute for Scientific Information. From there they travelled to Ithaca, New York to study the Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University. The final stop was at Simmons College Library School, Boston, Massachusetts. After 5 days of sightseeing in New York City, the study team emplaned for Beijing on November 10.

The program arranged for our Chinese guests was elaborate and strenuous. However, they were gratified with the warm receptions they received everywhere they went. The staff of the National Agricultural Library is most appreciative of the enthusiastic cooperation and support given by host institutions throughout the United States. 🙏



Wang Xianfu presents scroll to NAL Director Josph H. Howard.

CHINESE STUDY TEAM VISITS NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY



Chinese Study Team examines reference books in the NAL reading room.



Demonstration of literature searching by Ruben Aragon of NAL staff.



NAL Director Joseph H. Howard and Wang Xianfu, Deputy Director, Institute of Information of Agricultural Science and Technology, CAAS cut cake at welcoming reception.



Wei-ping Liao, NAL, shows a new directory to the Chinese study team.



Phillip Turner, William Feidt, and Tsu Lin, NAL, discuss automated systems and services with the study team.

NAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards were presented to 46 members of the National Agricultural Library at a special awards ceremony on October 27. In a program note Joseph H. Howard wrote: "Recognition of dedicated and meritorious service is a long standing tradition in the Federal Government. It reflects our determination to strive constantly toward high standards of performance while seeking out continuing improvements to maximize productivity. I take this opportunity to commend those among us whose resourcefulness and perseverance has remained resolute particularly during these times of restricted human resources. As in years past, this year's awards honor the enthusiasm and cooperative spirit that have helped make American agriculture a model for the world."



Forty-six employees received awards
at NAL ceremony.

The list of awardees include:

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

10 Years

Diana Claburn—Resource Development Division—Indexing
Kathleen O'Leary—Resource Development Division—Indexing
Slobodanka Stamenkovich—Resource Development Division—Acquisitions

20 Years

Marie Boone—Office of the Director
Helen Butler—Information Access Division—Utilization
Eugene Farkas—Office of the Director—Educational Resources Staff
Thor Lehnert—Resource Development Division—Indexing
Donald Yeldell—Resource Development Division—Acquisitions

25 Years

Jennle Brogdon—Information Access Division—Utilization

30 Years

Thomas Neis—Office of the Director

William Yagodich—Resource Development Division—Acquisitions

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Diana Lemon—Office of the Director

Idalia Acosta, Evelyn Brown, Karen Freitag, Eudella Jones, Angela Lee, Ingeborg Powers, Gloria Pugh—Serials Section

David Goldberg, Francis Mark, Gabor Svent-Ivany—Cataloging Section

Helen Butler, Willie Jackson, Juanita Mobley, Eleanor Robey, Patricia Krug, Veronica Lefebvre, LaMar Mack, Ronald Young—Utilization Section

QUALITY INCREASE AWARDS

Mary Ball, Marie Boone—Office of the Director

Mary Silva—Educational Resources Staff

Josephine McDowell—Maintenance Section

Armida Eabon—Reference Section

Tsu Lin—Information Systems Division

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Michael Wesley, Marianne Davies, Vicki Pessagno, Willie Twyman—Utilization Section

Claudia Weston—Cataloging Section

Christine Huddleston, Iris Irby, Judy Winesdorfer—Acquisitions Section

Christopher Harris, Richard Kreiner, Phillip Turner, Edward Warnick—Information Systems Division

In his keynote address Joseph H. Howard, Director of the National Agricultural Library, noted that the prime reason for any library to exist is its patrons. NAL serves two large groups of patrons—USDA and the rest of the world. He went on to say that the quality of library service is based on the quality of the staff and recognized the devoted staff who didn't receive awards as well as those who did. Although NAL owns the pre-eminent agricultural collection in the world, no library today can possibly acquire every document of value. Howard emphasized the challenge presented by new technologies and the need for cooperation if the National Agricultural Library is to remain pre-eminent. ☞



Joseph H. Howard, Director,
National Agricultural Library,
delivered the keynote speech

"Westerners on Wood" is the title of an exhibit of portraits by artist George Warfel at the National Agricultural Library, November 1-December 31, 1983. The development of the American West is closely bound up with the history of U.S. agriculture. Americans moved westward in search of new lands to cultivate and fortunes to make. The literature and art of the period portray the rough and stern life of the cattle rancher, the cowboy, the sheep herder, sod buster, and small farmer.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed several pieces of legislation significant to the development of agriculture in the United States and particularly in the Western lands. The Organic Act of 1862 established the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Land-Grant College Bill, often referred to as the Morrill Act, donated public lands in the states and territories to provide colleges for the study of agriculture and the mechanic arts. The Homestead Act opened public lands for settlement and cultivation.

Abetted by government action and abundant natural resources, the search for a new life in the West accelerated after the Civil War. This life was often difficult with money scarce and bank loans hard to obtain. Outlaws and cattle rustlers became part of the western legend and part of the fabric of rural agricultural life. Gun fighters frequently came from a farm background a few returned to it.


This exhibit was developed for those who have an appreciation for western lore and an interest in the protagonists who played leading roles in forging it. The collection contains portraits of Augusta Kohrs, Queen of the Cattle Baronesses, Charlie Goodnight, King of the Cattle Barons, Pat Garrett, the man who gunned down



Augusta Kohrs, Queen of the Cattle Baronesses

Billy the Kidd and eventually wound up as a New Mexico rancher, members of the notorious James family and many others who have become part of Western lore.

The artist has endeavored to convey to the viewer an illusion that the characters are about to speak from out of the past, appealing for recognition that at one point in time they did exist and figure prominently in the pages of their country's history.

The exhibit is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., November 1-December 31, 1983. For further information contact Eugene Farkas, Head, Educational Resources Staff, NAL; telephone (301) 344-3778. 



ASSOCIATES NAL, INC.

The Board of Directors met on August 26, 1983. On the agenda were several topics of continuing interest to the membership.

Coin Operated Copier Machines

These machines were installed as a service to users of the library. A number of library technicians on the staff have helped out in the operation by making available turn keys, collecting fees, and otherwise providing general assistance. In an effort to improve the operation we held a 30-day trial of the Venda Card II System modeled on the use of a small plastic card, which is purchased by the user from a vending machine. The vendacard was well-received by the users. The Board is now negotiating with the XCP Company for purchase of the system.

Committee on Memorials

The growing collection of portraits in the Poultry Hall of Fame, coupled with space limitations, prompted the Board to set up a Committee on Memorials to develop policy guidelines on the acceptance of future gifts of this nature. Members of the Committee are Jeff Dykes, Vivian Wiser, and Eugene Farkas. The next scheduled meeting of this committee is November 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Poultry Hall of Fame

Dr. E. M. Funk, Professor Emeritus, Poultry Science Department, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri-Columbia, has proposed establishment of an endowment for maintenance of the portrait collections. A substantial contribution towards the endowment has been received from Dr. James Gwin, a

member of the American Poultry Historical Society and an honoree in the Poultry Hall of Fame.


Symposium Papers

Many inquiries have been received about publication of the papers of the symposium on Twentieth Century Agricultural Science. Editing and typing of the papers for camera-ready copy has taken longer than we originally anticipated. Hopefully, we will go to press in December. The papers will form the 1983 volume of the Journal of the NAL Associates. Please be patient with us.

New Directions

On September 27, Joseph Howard, Director NAL, Harry Dewey, President of the Associates NAL, Inc., and Leila Moran, Executive Secretary, Associates NAL, Inc., met with Carol Nemeyer, Assistant Librarian for National Programs at the Library of Congress to explore ways and means of obtaining financial support for publications, exhibits, and other projects from non-government corporate sources. The meeting was most stimulating. If any of our readers have suggestions on potential corporate donors, please communicate with the Executive Secretary of the Associates NAL, Inc.

Free Use of Copiers

The privilege of free use of coin-op copiers at the National Agricultural Library has been discontinued effective August 26. The motion to abrogate this privilege was approved unanimously and became effective immediately. Those members who joined the Associates NAL, Inc. solely to obtain this privilege may request a refund of their membership fees, if so desired. Application for refund must be made in writing, dated, and addressed to the Executive Secretary, Board of Directors. Refunds will be prorated. 

--Leila Moran, Executive Secretary
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May 6-11: 7TH INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS AND DOCUMENTALISTS-RIBDA. Brasilia, DF, Brasil. Contact: Ana Flavia Pereira Medeiros da Fonseca, Coordenadora de Operacoes e Servicos, CENAGRI, Caixa Postal: 10.2432, 70043 Brasilia, DF, Brasil or Ana Maria Paz de Erickson, Secretaria Ejecutiva, AIBDA, c/o CATIE 7170, Turrialba, Costa Rica.

May 20-24: FRONTIERS OF MEMBRANE RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE. Ninth Annual Beltsville Symposium in Agricultural Research. Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland. Contact Symposium Chairman, Meryl N. Christiansen, Building 001, Room 221, BARC-West, Beltsville, MD 20705. Tel: 301-344-3036.

May 24-26: SYMPOSIUM ON THE HISTORY OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION. Columbia, MO. Contact: Douglas Helms, Historian, SCS-USDA, P. O. Box 2980, Washington, D.C. 20013.

June 18-21: BIO ENERGY 84. Gathenborg, Sweden. Contact: The Swedish Bio-Energy Association, Easingestraket 11, S-11266, Stockholm, Sweden. Tel: 46-8-565693.

July 29-August 1: The Golden Anniversary of Soil Conservation. 39th annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America. Oklahoma City, OK, Sheraton-Century Center Hotel. Contact: Walt Peechatka, SC5A, 7515 Northeast Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50021. Tel: (515) 289-2331.

September 17-21: THIRTEENTH WORLD CONGRESS ON DISEASES OF CATTLE. Durban, Republic of South Africa. Contact: Prof. R. I. Coubrough, Chairman, Scientific Programme Committee, P. O. Box 25333, Northcliff 2115, Republic of South Africa.

January 10-13: CONFERENCE ON EDUCATING IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE. Liberty, NY. Grossinger's. Contact: David Dik, 11 Roberts Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. Tel: 607-256-6504.

In the September 1983 (Vol. 9 No. 9) issue of the Agricultural Libraries Information Notes the lead article by Phillip Turner refers to the Iowa State University cooperative effort in transmitting data by telephone. Jeanne Moore, Coordinator, Educational Materials Project, North Central Region, writes: "This cooperative effort is with Iowa State University, not the University of Iowa as was mentioned in the article. University of Iowa at Iowa City is commonly referred to by those of us in the central part of Iowa as the "other" university. Iowa State University here at Ames is the land-grant university.

I might also note that we are using an Apple III microcomputer not an Apple II. Originally we rented an Apple II (for learning purposes) but our cataloging program is for use on the Apple III."

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